

### **REMARKS**

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous objections and rejections as outlined on pages 2-4 of the Office Action. Applicants further thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 3, 49 and 50.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. No new matter has been added. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 3, 49 and 50 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-2, 7-9, 13-22, 24, 27-29, 32-34 and 44-48 are currently pending.

### **CLAIM REJECTION**

#### ***Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph***

##### ***Written Description***

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 7-9, 13-22, 24, 27-29, 32-34 and 44-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. See Office Action at p. 4. Claims 7-9, 13-22, 24, 27-29, 32-34 and 44-48 depend from independent claims 1 or 2 respectively.

Not in acquiescence to the rejection but in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have incorporated the allowable subject matter of claim 3 into independent claims 1 and 2. Amended claim 1 now corresponds to allowable claim 49 and amended claim 2 now corresponds to allowable claim 50. Applicants believe that independent claims 1 and 2 are allowable as the specification sufficiently describes the claimed invention in full, clear, concise and exact terms and satisfies the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Accordingly, dependent claims 7-9, 13-22, 24, 27-29, 32-34 and 44-48 should also be patentable for at least the reasons described above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicants believe that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Should any fees be required by the present Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account **19-4293**.

Respectfully submitted,

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